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Sen. Kuipers plans statewide hearings on graduation requirements

Who: Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, state Superintendent Mike Flanagan, and members of the Senate Education Committee.

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What: Committee hearing regarding proposed statewide graduation requirements.

When: 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19.

Where: Room 210 of the Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan St., Lansing.

Briefing: Superintendent Flanagan will present his proposal regarding statewide graduation requirements, which has been endorsed by the State Board of Education. Legislative action is required to fully implement the proposal.

Sen. Kuipers, who chairs the Senate Education Committee, plans additional hearing throughout the state to seek input from parents, teachers, school leaders, job providers and others.

The hearings already scheduled are on Jan. 30 in Muskegon, Feb. 9 in Grand Rapids, Feb. 16 in Midland, Feb. 20 in Kalamazoo and March 3 in Port Huron and Clinton Township in Macomb County. (See following.) Other meetings may be announced as well.

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Senate Education Committee hearing schedule for proposed high school graduation requirements

Jan. 30: Muskegon ISD at 3 p.m.

Address: 630 Harvey Street, Muskegon.

Feb. 9: Kent County ISD at 7 p.m.

Address: 1655 E. Beltline NE, Grand Rapids.

Feb. 16: Midland County Educational Service Agency at 4:30 p.m.

Address: 3917 Jefferson, Midland.

Feb. 20: Kalamazoo RESA at 10:30 a.m.

Address: 1819 East Millham Rd., Kalamazoo.

March 3: Macomb ISD at 10 a.m.

Address: 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township.

March 3: Port Huron High School at 3 p.m.

Address: 2215 Court St., Port Huron.

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